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OAKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1962

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present herewith my twenty-fourth Annual Report dealing with matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,250
Registrar General's estimate of population				.....	4,440
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1962				.....	1,455
Rateable Value at 31st December, 1962	.....			.....	£60,400
Nett product of a penny rate	.....	.....		.....	£243

VITAL STATISTICS

		M	F	Total
Live Births:	Legitimate	38	38	76
	Illegitimate	-	2	2
		==	==	==
		38	40	78
		==	==	==
Still Births:	Legitimate	1	-	1
	Illegitimate	-	-	-
		==	==	==
		1	-	1
		==	==	==

	<u>Rate for District</u>	<u>Rate for England and Wales</u>
Birth Rate:	17.5	18.0
Death Rate:	8.3	11.9
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births.	25.6	20.7

There were 2 deaths of infants under one year of age, due to causes which are regarded as non-preventable.

It is interesting to note that 44 deaths were in persons over 80 years old and of these 7 were over 90 years of age.

THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF THE  
FUTURE

BY  
J. H. B. HENNING

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# CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping cough	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other infective & parasitic diseases	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	4	-
Malignant neoplasm, Breast	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, Uterus	-	1
Other malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms	1	-
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-
Diabetes	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	2
Coronary disease, angina	13	3
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-
Other heart disease	10	5
Other circulatory disease	2	1
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	1	4
Bronchitis	2	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	1
Motor vehicle accident	1	-
All other accidents	-	1
Suicide	-	-
Homicide	-	-
	<u>41</u>	<u>20</u>
	<u>==</u>	<u>==</u>

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

### 1. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health - J. Young, M.B., Ch.B. D.P.H.Camb. The Medical Officer of Health acts for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

Telephone No. - Melton Mowbray 3343.

Public Health Inspector - H. Tabberer, Certificate Royal Sanitary Institute Assistant " " - Geo. Pawlett, M. Inst. Housing

The Public Health Inspector is also Surveyor to the Council.

Telephone No. - Oakham 2575.

### 2 LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations in your area were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester.

Nose and Throat Swabs	4
Faeces and Urine	21
Bloods	5
Sputa	27
Vaginal and Cervical Swab	1
Waters	6
Miscellaneous	38
	<u>102</u>
	<u>==</u>





## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

<u>Water</u>	<u>Bacteriological</u>	<u>Chemical</u>
Number of Samples taken for Analysis:-		
(a) from wells	-	-
(b) from piped supply	6	-
(c) at source of public supply	-	-
Results of Samples taken:-		
(a) from wells - unsatisfactory	-	-
satisfactory	-	-
(b) from pipes supply - unsatisfactory	-	-
satisfactory	6	-
(c) at sources - unsatisfactory	-	-
satisfactory	-	-

All the public supply sources are outside the Urban District.

The public supply was unrestricted throughout the year.

Leicester Corporation is responsible for the water supply.

Over 99.6% of the houses and of the population of the Urban District are supplied. In a very few cases the water is not laid into the houses. These are mainly in an area scheduled for re-development. There are no public standpipes.

5 occupied houses are not on the public supply. 3 of these are due for demolition. 2 are good houses with satisfactory piped private supplies.

### Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

No extensions to sewers have been made except for a private development and a Council estate.

There are still 14 houses not connected to the sewers but these are mainly in isolated parts, including 4 farm houses. Only one is capable of connection. Additional sludge beds and other minor works at the sewage purification works were completed during the year. Further works of enlargement and modification are projected and it is expected that 2 Rural District villages will soon be connected to these works.

### Closet Accommodation

Total number in the District at the end of 1962:-

(a) Privies	.....	.....	.....	Nil.
(b) Pail Closets	.....	.....	.....	3
(c) Water Closets	.....	.....	.....	1,900 approx.

Number of pail closets converted to water carriage system during the year. . . . . -

Number of pail closets abolished during the year . . . . . 3

One of the 3 pail closets is in a rural part of the Urban District. The other 2 will be demolished in 1963.

CHICAGO, ILL.,

1911

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
[Signature]

Very truly yours,  
[Signature]

Very truly yours,  
[Signature]

Very truly yours,  
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## Public Cleansing

Refuse Disposal is by tipping in a disused ironstone railway cutting 5 miles from the town between Ashwell and Cottesmore. The last ashpit in Oakham was abolished several years ago.

The Council now use an 18/22 Cubic Yard (compressing) refuse collection vehicle which commenced work on 1st November.

## Smoke

No complaints have been received during the year. There are now no industrial chimneys.

## Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the district.

## SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report.

Total number of complaints received      68      (including 45 of rats and mice)

Total number of defects or nuisances  
discovered arising out of complaints      68      ( -do- -do- )

This does not include oral complaints which are usually dealt with immediately.

<u>Nature of Inspection</u>	<u>Number of Inspections and Re-visits</u>
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	250
Tents, Vans etc.	4
Slaughterhouses	25
Food Premises	49
Dairies	9
Offensive Trades	-
Animal keeping	-
Factories, etc.	36
Shops	49
Other premises	35

## N O T I C E S

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st Jan. 1962	1	1
Issued during the year	15	8
Complied with during year	13	7
Outstanding 31st Dec. 1962	3	2



StatutoryHousingOther

Outstanding 1st Jan. 1962  
Issued during the year  
Compiled with during year  
Outstanding 31st December, 1962

13  
2  
6  
\* 9  
-  
-  
-  
-

\* These outstanding cases are Demolition and Closing Orders where action is not complete, but only 1 of them is occupied.

Defects or Nuisances

Most of the work is done by letter, interview or telephone and few formal notices, either preliminary or statutory, are used.

CONTROL OF RATS

The Council in conjunction with the Rural District Councils of Oakham, Uppingham, Ketton and Barnack, employ a Pest Control Officer. All complaints were promptly dealt with and there is little evidence of rats in the town.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No cases of bed bugs came to notice.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A swimming bath owned by Oakham School Trustees is loaned to the Council during the summer holidays. It has a pressure filter and chlorinator which works most of the time while the bath is in public use. Seven inspections were made during the season.

A newly constructed pool at the Vale of Catmose Village College is made available for public use.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOODMilk Supply

At the end of the year there were five distributors and three premises registered. Nine inspections of premises were made.

No action was found necessary under Regulation 20 - Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959. All milk sold in the district now is tuberculin tested, T.T. pasteurised, sterilised or pasteurised and all bottling is done before reaching Oakham. Oakham is in a Special Designations Specified Area.

Ice Cream

No Ice-cream is now made in Oakham, but eighteen premises are registered for its sale.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores etc.

Number of inspections .... 21

There is only one small slaughterhouse in use in the Urban District. The new construction Regulations will apply as from 1st July, 1963 and in order to comply the owner intends to complete structural alterations to an approved plan before that date.





Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

Whole carcasses condemned ..... None.

Carcases of which some part or  
organ was condemned ..... None.

Food Premises in the Urban District in December consisted of:-

4 Cafes and a Dairy Shop.  
13 Licensed Premises (not including Clubs and Off Licences).  
12 Retail Grocers, etc.  
5 Butchers.  
4 Greengrocers.  
2 Fishmongers.  
4 Bakers and Pastrycooks.  
6 Sweets, etc.

Number of inspections ..... 49.

Premises Registered Under Food & Drugs Act, 1955 Section 16 for Preparation

of Sausages, Potted Meats and Meat Pies ..... 5

Preparation and sale of Fish and Chips ..... 1

Disposal of Condemned Food

The small quantities involved are disposed of by:-

(a) Burning in the boiler at Council Offices.

(b) Being taken to tip by Refuse Collectors.

28 lbs. Chopped pork (a product of Yugoslavia) 4 lbs Dutch ham, 24 lbs  
Australian beef and 6 lbs peaches were voluntarily surrendered as unfit.

Food Hygiene

Food premises in the town have been kept under observation during the year.  
Advice has been given when necessary, and there have been no special difficulties.

There is a lively street market on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Some of  
the stalls sell vegetables, fruit and other foods. It has not been found  
necessary to draw attention to any breaches of the Regulations this year.





## HOUSING

Number of dwellinf houses in respect of which  
Demolition Orders were made:-

2

Closing Orders made:-

-

Houses closed but not demolished:-

7

Number of dwelling houses demolished in  
pursuance of Demolition Orders:-

5

Houses demolished without Demolition Orders:-

1

Occupied houses with operative Demolition or  
**Closing** Orders:-

1

Occupied houses in declared Clearance Area:-

-

One case of overcrowding was abated during the year involving 2 families and 8 persons.

There were (at 31st December, 1962) 73 Oakham applicants for Council Houses. Seventeen of these were sharing houses with parents or others.

There is also a demand for houses from people outside the Urban District, many of whom work in the town.

At the end of 1962 the Council owned 457 houses and flats, ten temporary bungalows and four old houses acquired in William Dalby Street, Westgate Street and Dean Street. Thus over 30% of the houses are controlled by the Council.

All the Council's pre-war houses are now fitted with hot water systems. In eleven cases, houses were improved with Grant Aid under the Housing Acts. Grants have been approved in 5 other cases.

At the end of the year 8 Council flats 36 Private dwellings and two Police houses were under construction.

The following table shows new house completions in the last ten years.

Year	Houses completed other than by the Council	Council Houses	Total
1953	4	43	47
1954	6	44	50
1955	15	4	19
1956	12	8	20
1957	8	2	10
1958	7	14	21
1959	2	-	2
1960	3	21	24
1961	15	21	36
1962	17	63	80
TOTAL:-	89	220	309

In addition, there have been conversions and adaptions. In the same period there were 47 demolitions.

Over 45% of the houses in the district have been built in the last 30 years.



PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND  
OTHER DISEASES

(1) Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1962

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Measles	44	-	-
Pneumonia	34	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-

AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under 1	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 10	10 15	15 20	20 35	35 45	45 65	65 and over
Measles	3	6	8	8	9	9	-	1	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-





Age Group	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

At the end of the year there were 16 male cases and 15 female cases of Pulmonary tuberculosis and 3 male cases and 1 female case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis in the town.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Investigations were carried out into a few cases but no formal action was found necessary during the year.

I have the honour to be,  
Your obedient Servant,

JOHN YOUNG

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.



APPENDIX

Factories Act, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

I - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises  (1)	No. on Register  (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions. (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	7	-	-
(ii) Factories not inclu- ded in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	29	25	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' Premises	4	4	-	-
TOTAL:-	39	36	--	-

II - Cases in which DEFECTS were found:-           NIL



PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork  
(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in send- ing lists to the Council.	No. of Prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises.	Notices served.	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel Making, etc.	31	1	-	-	-	-
Plastic & Plastic articles.	10	1	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	41	2	-	-	-	-



